(c) whether the Government propose to bring about any amendment to the wild life preservation Act so as to exclude the wild pig from the purview in view of the extensive damage being caused by them?

THE MNISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT OF FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Reports about standing crops being damaged by wild pigs in Andhra Pradesh and other areas are received from time to time.

(b) Figures regarding the extent of damage to crops exclusively by wild pigs are not maintained.

(c) There is no proposal to exclude wild pigs from the purview of wild life (Protection) Act, wild pigs are in Schedule III of the Act. State Government have the power to declare, either in the whole State or in particular area, any animal other than those in Schedule II and part II of Schedule II as vermin I.E. harmful to standing crops. The vermins can be hunted without any restriction.

Creation of Posts for Teaching Staff for A&N Island

6200. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received several proposals from Union Territory of A&N Island regarding creation of posts of teaching staff and for improvement of education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS(SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) & (b). Government have received a proposal from A&N Islands for creation of 18 posts of lecturer for degree college, port Blair.The existing staff strength of this college is 55. Government had earlier sanctioned 14 posts of lecturer for this college in January, 1989. The proposal of the UT Administration for creation of 18 posts of lecturer has not been approved for want of sufficient justification.

Recruitments and Promotions to SCs/ ST's in Anganwadi

6201. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether reservation rules in favour of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are not followed in recruitment and promotion to the various categories of staff engaged in Anganwadis in the country being run under Integrated Child Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) to (c). The Centrally Sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Under the Scheme, various categories of staff are engaged namely Project Officer, Child Development Project Officer, Assistant/ Additional Child Development Project Officer, Supervisor (Mukhya Sevika) and other Ministerial Staff. These personnel are recruited by the State Governments on regular basis and their promotions etc. are governed by